

LOUISVILLE SEMINARY.

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ability and in the especial training that he brings to his new position.

He has just finished a remarkable series of million dollar campaigns in our Southern Synods for Christian Education, every one of which has been a remarkable success. And these have been but the climax of a previous successful career in similar lines.

But what is, perhaps, not so well known is the fact that Mr. McGill has had experience as a newspaper reporter and is an expert on the subject of publicity. He was a reporter at the famous Peace Council at Versailles and through much and varied experience knows the best ways of church publicity and how to obtain it.

His long experience in Y. M. C. A. work has taught him the value and methods of organizing young people.

And finally Mr. McGill's heart is in the subject of evangelism. The thing that first led us to seek him for this Department was a remark that fell from his lips stating that the fondest work that he had ever done was that of evangelism. Successful evangelism depends on organization and we feel that Mr. McGill's own wonderful powers of organizing will be of inestimable worth in training our young men how to plan and prepare for evangelistic services.

Mr. McGill brings to his task a strong and consecrated personality, marked by absolute honesty and courage, by soundness to the evangelical faith and the doctrines of our Church, and by great devotion to his Master. We are all rejoicing in his acceptance of this new and important position in the life of our Seminary and of the Church.

It would seem but fitting that a Department of Efficiency in a Seminary should have the opportunity for its exercise right in the Seminary itself. So Mr. McGill will likewise be charged with the financing of our Seminary and with its publicity.

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF DANIEL BAKER COLLEGE.

By William Erwin Wilson, Jr.

Thirty-three years ago when Brownwood was only a small frontier town a little group of devoted Christian men and women conceived the idea of building a Presbyterian College in Central West Texas. The leading spirit of the movement was the late Brainard Taylor McClelland, D. D., our former townsman and beloved pastor.

Almost without funds, but with an abundance of faith, these pioneer exponents of Christian education founded Daniel Baker College in Brownwood, Texas, in 1889, and raised, as a monument to God, the beautiful stone walls of the present administration building. Dr. McClelland was chosen the first president; and in the fall of 1890 the college opened its doors for the first term. Students came and the college prospered. Immediately there began to grow a love and reverence for the institution; and the famous "Daniel Baker spirit" was early instilled into the hearts of every student.

Daniel Baker the Missionary.

The college received its name in honor of Rev. Daniel Baker, an early Presbyterian missionary known as the "Father of Texas Presbyterianism." Daniel Baker was a native of Georgia, where he held important pastorates in Savannah and other cities. In 1840 he came to Texas, just freed from Mexican tyranny, and devoted his life

to missionary work in the new republic. He died and was buried in Austin, Texas, in 1857.

Originally Daniel Baker College was owned and controlled by the Northern Presbyterian Church, but in 1902, after twelve years of varying fortunes and financial difficulties, it was transferred to the Synod of Texas, the ruling body of the Southern Presbyterian Church. Following Dr. McClelland's death in 1901, Rev. E. D. Brown was elected president. Others who held that office are given in order of their service: Dr. S. E. Chandler, 1904-08; Dr. A. H. P. McCurdy, 1908-09; Dr. T. P. Junkin, 1909-14; Dr. W. W. Bondurant, 1915-16; Dr. French W. Thompson, 1920-21; Dr. S. E. Chandler, 1921.

Building Site Donated by Sam Coggin.

At the time of its inception it was first proposed to build the college on a large tract of land between Center and Fisk Avenues—and the foundation was actually laid—when it became known that the Baptists of Texas contemplated using an adjacent site for the erection of Howard Payne College, which was founded the same year. Believing it would be better for the two institutions to be farther separated, Sam Coggin offered to give the Presbyterians fourteen acres of land for a campus if they would move to the south side of town. His proposition was accepted and the first building became known as Coggin Hall.

The old brick building, now used as a science hall, but formerly known as the boys' dormitory, is one of the town's old landmarks. Built in 1880, it was called Coggin Academy and was later used as a public-school house in which Professor P. C. Ragsdale taught the first school in what is now Coggin Addition.

Early Social and Athletic Activities.

From the very first Daniel Baker College held a prominent place in the social life of the town; and its athletes enjoyed an enviable reputation throughout this section of the state. Among the early students were Thomas H. Hart, now Dean of the College; Hervey Mays, Edgar L. Storey, Misses Susie Coggin, Lillie Hallum, Berta Storey, Bess Wright, Willie and May Jenkins; Messrs. E. Homer Jones and Ewing Y. Freeland, both now connected with Southern Methodist University at Dallas, and many others prominent in Brownwood's social and industrial life of today.

The Girls' Dormitory.

In 1909 a modern steam-heated brick dormitory for girls was erected. The following year Daniel Baker College was recognized by the State Department of Education as a Class A institution; and became a member of the Texas Press Association, the Texas Inter-Athletic Association, and the Texas Oratorical Association.

The Coggin Bequest.

Samuel R. Coggin, life-long friend and supporter of the college, by the terms of his will, bequeathed to Daniel Baker College the bulk of his estate valued at \$200,000 to \$300,000. Out of this fund was erected in 1921 the beautiful new auditorium designated the S. R. Coggin Memorial Chapel.

Brooke Smith's Generosity.

Another staunch friend and supporter of the college is Brooke Smith, Sr., of Brownwood, who has repeatedly stood between the college and disaster. Several years ago he advanced to the college \$60,000, which has not yet been paid, due to the fact that the money received from the Coggin estate is available only for building and extension. Mr. Smith has for several months been addressing large audiences in Houston, Dallas, Ft. Worth, Waco and other

Texas cities in the interest of Daniel Baker College. On this tour Mr. Smith has been accompanied by Mr. E. B. Gilliam, prominent Brownwood merchant, who, along with other business men of this city, has been very liberal in giving medals, loving cups and funds for athletics.

Improvements Planned.

The friends of the college are confident that in the near future all past debts will be liquidated and that Daniel Baker will assume its place in the ranks of the foremost educational institutions of the state. A large, modern dormitory for young men is planned; and the Athletic Association, backed by the alumni and ex-students and a few other ardent boosters contemplate enlarging the athletic field and building a modern stadium capable of seating the big crowds that assemble to witness foot ball, baseball and other field sports.

CONFERENCE ON EVANGELISM AT DANVILLE, KY.

The evangelistic spirit is gaining headway in Transylvania Presbytery. Due in part to the activity of our Laymen's Movement, in part to the forward-looking spirit of some of our leaders, in part to the very call of the times, a growing evangelism is clearly in evidence in this Presbytery. At the call of Superintendent Thomas B. Talbott, representatives from the churches of the central section of the Presbytery gathered in Danville recently and held a very inspiring conference upon how more effectively to evangelize our territory.

An opening address, in clear and forceful thought by Rev. S. S. Daughtry on the need and the nature of more effective evangelism, was heard with wrapt attention. Likewise the addresses on the quickening of the country church, by Rev. J. E. Travis; the Sunday School as an evangelistic force, by Rev. W. A. Hopkins; Prayer Life and Evangelism, by Rev. P. L. Bruce, and what shall we do with our vacant country churches? by Synodical Superintendent E. H. Davis.

Mr. David Jones was present from Mt. Victory to present the needs and the opportunities in this our most outstanding mountain field. He did his work well, indeed. Rev. Joseph Hagins, Synodical Evangelist, added much interest to the day. Round table discussions at the close of each address were thoroughly animated. At the noon hour the ladies of the First Presbyterian Church served an elegant lunch, which added much to our comfort, and to their hospitality.

The day was all too short. We said to ourselves, as did Peter to his Lord on the mount, "It is good for us to be here." And we came away determined in heart to serve more effectively the needy ones at the foot of the mount. Mr. Talbot proposes to hold other conferences in other parts of the Presbytery. As are all his plans it is a practical and a timely move.

"MUSIC AT MONTREAT"

Henry H. Sweets.

There are wonderful natural attractions at Montreat. The stately trees, the beautifully tinted flowers, the ever-changing clouds and sky, the murmur of the babbling brooks, the placid lake with its wonderful reflections and above all the unchanging hills and inspiring mountains.

Possibly, however, the greatest charm is in the personality rich in culture, and spiritual vision of those who gather at this beautiful spot. Dured by these attractions there came into this community several years ago two musicians of marvelous ability and of attractive personality. To these gifted friends, Mr. and Mrs.

Crosby Adams, is due the praise for one of the most delightful evenings ever experienced at Montreat. During the period assigned to the Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief the "Aeolian Choir" recruited from Asheville and vicinity rendered a program of choice gems of music in masterly style, which thrilled the large audience assembled.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams' service as teachers has made their names familiar throughout the country. Twenty-one years of this musical activity was spent in Chicago, where years ago they started classes for teachers. In addition to a lifetime of teaching, Mr. Adams is a well-known choral conductor, and Mrs. Adams' name as a composer of music is almost a household word. As educators they have touched many lives. Expressions of satisfaction may be heard from men and women from more than a score of states who testify to the eminently practical and artistic value of their work. We are grateful to have such artists and refined and useful citizens in our Southland.

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TEXAS-MEXICAN WORK.

Rev. R. D. Campbell from Austin, Texas, is one of the oldest American missionaries in the Mexican Presbyterian Mission in Texas. In the work he is doing he is in a great need of a small auto to carry on his work in the city of Austin and the ranches and towns outside.

The American Presbyterian Churches in Austin have been helping his work in such faithful way, that we do not dare to ask them for more at this time. But Mr. Campbell and the work are in need of a car, so after asking his consent to make an appeal to my friends and his friends, for helping in securing this auto, I am writing to ask your assistance in this matter.

There is in and around Austin a good number of places where Mr. Campbell is preaching to a good number of people, who are eager to hear the Gospel, but he has to depend on the kindness of some of his friends who have autos, to take him to these places, and of course this can not go on indefinitely.

Also in Austin there are some of our young men who are pursuing their studies for the ministry at the Theological Seminary, and Mr. Campbell wants to take these young men with him to help in preaching at these ranches and towns, but how can he do it without a car? The efficiency of Mr. Campbell, will increase at least fifty per cent, if we succeed in securing for him and his work a car.

Mr. Campbell well deserves such appreciation of his efforts and work in the Lord's Vineyard. He has been laboring with such abnegation and self-denial for more than twenty-two years that through his efforts and work, thousands of dollars have come to the church. He has raised the money to build several of our chapels, in Laredo, in Beeville, and in San Antonio.

He was one of the very first who began to work for the establishment of the Tex-Mex. School for boys in Kingsville, Texas, but he is so modest, that I felt sure that he never would ask anything for himself.

I am presenting a most needed work and a most worthy worker and that is my apology for asking your help. If you can help in any way, please send your help either to Rev. R. D. Campbell, 4516 Avenue G, Austin, Texas, or to the writer, at 511 Durango St., San Antonio, Texas.

Respectfully yours in the service of the Lord,

E. Trevino.